

Remarks/Arguments

Summary

By this Amendment, claim 1 has been revised, and claim 5 has been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-4 and 6-7 are now pending in the application.

Specification

The Examiner's suggested amendments to the specification were previously submitted in an Amendment dated November 25, 2002.

Allowable Claim(s)

Applicants acknowledge with thanks the indicated allowability of claim 5.

By this Amendment, claim 5 has been canceled, and the subject matter thereof incorporated into independent claim 1. Accordingly, it is believed that independent claim 1 and dependent claims 2-4 and 6-7 are now allowable.

35 USC 103

The rejection under 35 USC 103 has been rendered moot by the incorporation of allowable claim 5 into independent claim 1.

Conclusion

No other issues remaining, reconsideration and favorable action upon the claims 1-4 and 6-7 now-pending in the application are requested.

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